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SUBJ: TALK WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR; ANGOLA

1. AFTER MY MEETINGS WITH AMIN AND BOKASSA NOV. 24, I SAW PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND REVIEWED OUR CURRENT POSITION ON ANGOLA. I TOLD HIM OF OUR DESIRE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH SOVIETS AND OF AN INDIRECT ASSISTANCE, ALBEIT MODEST, TO FNLA AND UNITA BEING MADE AT REQUEST OF FRIENDLY NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. I NOTED, HOWEVER, WE SAY WHAT SEEMED A NAKED POWER PLAY TAKING PLACE IN ANGOLA IN VIEW OF SOVIET MILITARY BUILDUP VIA CONGO AND PRESENCE OF 4,000 CUBANS ON SIDE OF MPLA. THIS BUILDUP TAKING PLACE DESPITE OAU APPEAL AGAINST OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. CONSEQUENTLY, US CONVINCED SOVIET AIM IS ESTABLISHMENT OF MARXIST REGIME IN ANGOLA. I STRESSED US SUPPORT FOR OAU POSITION AND NOTED SECRETARY HAD SENT LETTER TO OAU SYG ETEKI TO THAT EFFECT. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF GRAVITY OF SITUATION, US WAS SEEKING VIEWS OF FRIENDLY AFRICAN LEADERS IN ORDER MAINTAIN POSITION ACCEPTABLE TO OAU MAJORITY.

2. MSENHOR PREFACED HIS REMARKS BY STATING HIS SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND OAU POSITION. HE THEN REPEATED ALL POINTS HE MADE TO AMB. AGGREY (DAKAR 6671), SAYING THAT SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA SHOULD BE MET BY WEST WITH SENDING OF ARMS TO TWO OTHER MOVEMENTS. IT AS FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, HE HAD AGREED TO TRANSHIPMENT OF ARMS VIA DAKAR. WEST COULD NOT

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SIMPLY FOLD ITS ARMS IN FACE OF MASSIVE SOVIET INTERVENTION.

CHOICE OF GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, SHOULD BE MADE BY PEOPLE THEMSELVES, AS IN MOZAMBIQUE, NOT BY EXTERNAL FORCES. UNLIKE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT WHICH IS CHINESE-INSPIRED "POPULAR DEMOCRACY" SOVIET DOMINATED GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA, HE SAID, WOULD LEAVE OPEN PROBABILITY OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. SENGHOR SAID THAT HE WOULD BE TAKING WITH CONGOLESE PRESIDENT NGOUABI ABOUT ANGOLAN PROBLEM. HE THOUGHT THAT NGOUABI MAY BE LOOKING FOR SOME SORT OF A SOLUTION AND THAT WAS WHY HE WAS WILLING TO TALK. WHEN I ASKED HIM ABOUT AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR A COLITON GOVERNMENT, SENGHOR SAID MORE THAN 24 COUNTRIES WOULD SUPPORT THIS VIEW ("UNE MAJORITE ECRASANTE".) HE WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT AND ATTEND AN OAU HEADS OF STATE MEETING BUT HE FELT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE MEETING FIRST AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL SO THAT THEY COULD THRASH OUT PROBLEMS BEFOREHAND. HEADS OF STATE WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO MEET IN CAPACITY OF GRAND CONCILIATORS. IF HEADS OF STATE MET FIRST, HE SAID, CHANCES WERE IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SOVIETS COULD NOT EVEN COUNT ON ARABS WHO, DURING HIS RECENT TRIP IN MIDEAST, REVEALED THEMSELVES TO BE VERY ANTI-SOVIET.
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